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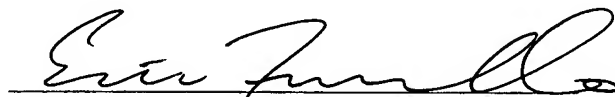
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA	6,197,095	03/06/2001	Ditria et al.		
	AB					
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF. NO.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION
	CA	173838	02/09/1994	Norway			No
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**OTHER REFERENCES**

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